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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 14
Economic and social development in Africa

1. At its 14th meeting, on 16 June 2000, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 14 (Economic and social development in Africa) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (Prog. 14)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, which was one of the priority areas of the Organization, and its improved presentation was noted. It was observed that there were clear strategies, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement in the fascicle. The inclusion of the new subprogramme on promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development was welcomed. In this connection, the need to mobilize additional financial resources for Africa's development was emphasized.

4. It was noted that more coordination with other programmes relating to Africa, in particular programme 8 (Africa: New Agenda for Development), was needed. Cooperation by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) with other international organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in particular in the field of macroeconomics, should be strengthened. It was noted that cooperation

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with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) should be also increased. Aside from this, more emphasis is needed on deepening the process of regional cooperation and integration in the region.

5. The view was expressed that besides placing emphasis on the development of modern information and communication technologies, more attention should be given to improvement of traditional means of information and communication and to the related infrastructure which should be created in the countries which lacked it. The view was expressed that distance education, including remote and on-line training and learning, should be reflected in the narrative.

6. It was observed that more details should be provided on different activities of the subregional development centres.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 14 (Economic and social development in Africa) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 14.4:

Add the following new subparagraph (h): "To work towards complementing and enhancing the work of other organizations.";

(b) Paragraph 14.9:

(i) In subparagraph 14.9 (a), in the third sentence, replace the words "training member States" with the words "assisting member States";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.9 (b), in the last sentence, after the words "and sensitizing policy makers" insert the words "and more importantly, local communities at the grass-roots level" and after the words "HIV/AIDS" replace the word "epidemic" with the words "and other epidemics, such as malaria";

(c) Paragraph 14.13:

In subparagraph 14.13 (b), in the second sentence, replace the words "creating awareness on" with the word "increasing";

(d) Paragraph 14.17:

In subparagraph 14.17 (b), after the words "*in the area of science and technology*", insert the following new sentence, "Emphasis will be placed on the promotion of indigenous technology to achieve the goal of food security and sustainable development";

(e) Paragraph 14.20:

After the words "civil society organizations" insert the words "at the national level";

(f) Paragraph 14.21:

(i) In subparagraph 14.21 (a), in the first sentence, after the words "civil society actors" insert the words "at the national level";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.21 (a), in the first sentence, replace the words "enhancing their capacity to perform watchdog functions in the fields of accountability, good governance and conflict prevention and resolution as well as in community-level development" with the words "enhancing their capacity to perform analysis and effective advocacy on public policy";

(iii) In subparagraph 14.21 (b), in the second sentence, after the words "towards norms of", replace the word "good" with the words "transparent and accountable";

(iv) In subparagraph 14.21 (b), in the last sentence after the words "public sector", replace the existing text with the words "and, in collaboration with Member States which may request it, training in transparent and accountable governance for parliamentarians";

(g) Paragraph 14.22:

(i) After the words "partnership for development and", replace the word "good" with the words "transparent and accountable";

(ii) After the words "civil society organizations", insert the words "at the national level";

(h) Paragraph 14.23:

After the words "civil society organizations", insert the words "at the national level";

(i) Paragraph 14.25:

(i) In subparagraph 14.25 (b), in the second sentence, replace the words "equitable infrastructure in order" with the words "appropriate infrastructure";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.25 (b), in the third sentence, between the word "key" and the word "sectors", insert the words "social and economic", and delete the words "(e.g., distance and on-line learning and the building of school networks)";

(iii) At the end of subparagraph 14.25 (b), add the following new sentence: "Assistance will be provided to strengthen the role of the radio as a major and most accessible means of information in the local communities";

(j) Paragraph 14.29:

In subparagraph 14.29 (b), in the first sentence, after the words "mineral and energy resources" insert the words "including solar energy";

(k) Paragraph 14.30:

Replace the existing text with the following: "14.30 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) substantial progress made at national, subregional and regional levels in the emplacement of the various institutional and functional arrangements required for the establishment of the African Economic Community; (b) enhanced capacity in member States for policy formulation and programme

development for the effective exploitation of mineral and energy resources; (c) increased, effective and harmonized utilization of transboundary water resources, as well as enhanced capacity for water resource management in member States; (d) substantial implementation of the Framework of Action adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications";

(l) Paragraph 14.31:

Replace the existing text with the following: "14.31 Indicators of achievement would include the following: (a) the number of institutions and arrangements for enhanced integration and cooperation established by member States in their efforts to implement the provisions of the African Economic Community; (b) concrete steps taken by member States to harmonize policies and adopt programmes for the joint exploitation of mineral and energy resources; (c) number of river and lake basin organizations established and/or strengthened, as well as the extent to which member States' capacity for water resource management is enhanced; and (d) enumeration of the positive results of the implementation of the Framework of Action for transport and communications";

(m) Paragraph 14.33:

After the third sentence, add the following new sentence: "Efforts will be made to enhance and promote basic education for girls in national education programmes of member States".

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 15. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

1. At its 15th meeting, on 16 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme and especially for the three major themes of regional economic cooperation, poverty alleviation and environment and natural resources development. Satisfaction was expressed regarding the quality of the narrative in the fascicle and the proposed structure of the programme, which comprises seven interdependent and complementary subprogrammes with balanced strategies and expected accomplishments.

4. It was considered necessary to establish a balance between traditional and electronic methods of disseminating information to meet the needs of various countries, in particular, the least developed countries, landlocked countries and island developing countries.

5. There were many best practices in the region to follow and references to them should be included in the paragraphs on strategy, accomplishments and indicators. It

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was also observed that the words "achieving good governance" should be deleted from paragraph 15.21 (c). Another view was that the words "good governance" should be retained, as they reflected an agreed terminology.

6. It was considered that there may be some duplication of activities between the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and some other organizations and/or programmes of the United Nations system. In this context, the need for improved cooperation and coordination of activities was stressed.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Insert the recommendations of the Commission at its fifty-sixth session, as follows:

(i) Paragraph 15.8

In subparagraph (a), after the word "environment", insert the words "as well as developments in information technology";

(ii) Paragraph 15.11

In point (b), after the words "industrial promotion;" delete the word "and"; in the last line of point (c), after the words "economies in transition" insert a new point, reading "and (d) positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments";

(iii) Paragraph 15.12,

After the word "processes" insert the phrase ", as well as developments in information technology";

(iv) Paragraph 15.13

In subparagraph (b), after the word "globalization", insert the phrase "and developments in information technology"; in subparagraph (c), after the word "liberalization", insert the phrase ", as well as developments in information technology"; in subparagraph (e), add a new final sentence, reading "In this connection, emphasis will be placed on analytical work on economic and financial monitoring and surveillance in the region, in close consultation with international and financial institutions, in order to respond in a timely way to new challenges arising from globalization.";

(v) Paragraph 15.15

Replace the existing text of point (d) with the following:

"positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments.";

(vi) Paragraph 15.17

Subparagraph (a), in the first sentence, replace the phrase "including older persons and people living with disabilities" with the phrase "with greater

focus on people living with disabilities, and including older persons"; at the end of the subparagraph, replace the phrase "and accessibility in the physical environments" with the phrase "by improving access to the physical environment, infrastructure and information technology"; add a new subparagraph, as follows:

> **"(d) The above will be achieved through (i) the promotion of wider information exchange through intergovernmental and expert group meetings, technical publications and increased use of media and information technology; (ii) support for national institution-building initiatives, including human resources development through group training and advisory services; and (iii) the strengthening of regional networks and cooperation, especially with other United Nations and subregional intergovernmental bodies.";**

(vii) Paragraph 15.21

In subparagraph (b), after the words "in 1994", insert the phrase "the recommendations arising from the General Assembly special session on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development ("Cairo + 5")";

(viii) Paragraph 15.24

At the end of point (c) delete the word "and"; add "and (d) positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments.";

(ix) Paragraph 15.25

After the word "1997", insert the phrase "the outcome of the 10-year review of Agenda 21 ("Rio + 10") scheduled to be held in 2002";

(x) Paragraph 15.29

Replace the text of point (a) with the following: "positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments";

(xi) Paragraph 15.34

At the end of point (e) delete the word "and"; at the end of the paragraph, add the following: "; and (g) positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments.";

(xii) Paragraph 15.38

At the end of point (c), delete the word "and"; at the end of the paragraph, add the following: "(e) positive evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of ESCAP outputs and services by the users, including Governments.";

(b) Overall orientation

(i) Paragraph 15.1

After the words "thus contribute to", insert the words "sustained economic growth and";

(ii) Paragraph 15.2

Insert a reference to General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on integrated follow up to major United Nations conferences, in particular, General Assembly resolutions 53/183 on implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; 54/23 on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development; 54/141 on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform of Action; 54/209 on follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); 54/218 on implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly; 54/224 on implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries; and Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/55 on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits;

(iii) Paragraph 15.4

After the words "information and experience" insert the phrase "particularly on the best practices in the region";

(iv) Paragraph 15.5

In the first sentence, after the words "island developing countries" insert "transit developing countries";

(c) Paragraph 15.13

(i) Insert a new subparagraph (b) reading "(b) To institute a mechanism for monitoring and surveillance of the economic and financial situation of the countries of the region to provide information to members and associate members of ESCAP of an impending crisis in the region", and relette. he subsequent subparagraphs;

(ii) In subparagraph (b), after the word "globalization" insert "particularly in the areas of trade, information technology, intellectual property rights and bio-technology";

(iii) In subparagraph (c), in line 3, after the words "Least Developed Countries for the 1990s", insert "and also the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries";

(iv) In subparagraph (d), at the end of the subparagraph, replace the words "aid donors" with "development partners";

(d) Paragraph 15.16

After the words "World Summit for Social Development", insert "and its review outcome";

(e) Paragraph 15.20

Replace the words "alleviation of poverty" with "eradication of poverty";

(f) Paragraph 15.21

(i) In subparagraph (b), replace the words "alleviating poverty" with "eradicating poverty"; after the words "at Cairo in 1994", insert "and its review outcome";

(ii) In subparagraph (c), replace the words "achieving good governance and" with the word "the", and replace the words "poverty alleviation" with "poverty eradication";

(iii) At the end of subparagraph (d), insert the words "and its review outcome";

(g) Paragraph 5.36

At the end of subparagraph (a), insert the phrase ", including through networking of national, subregional and regional information systems".